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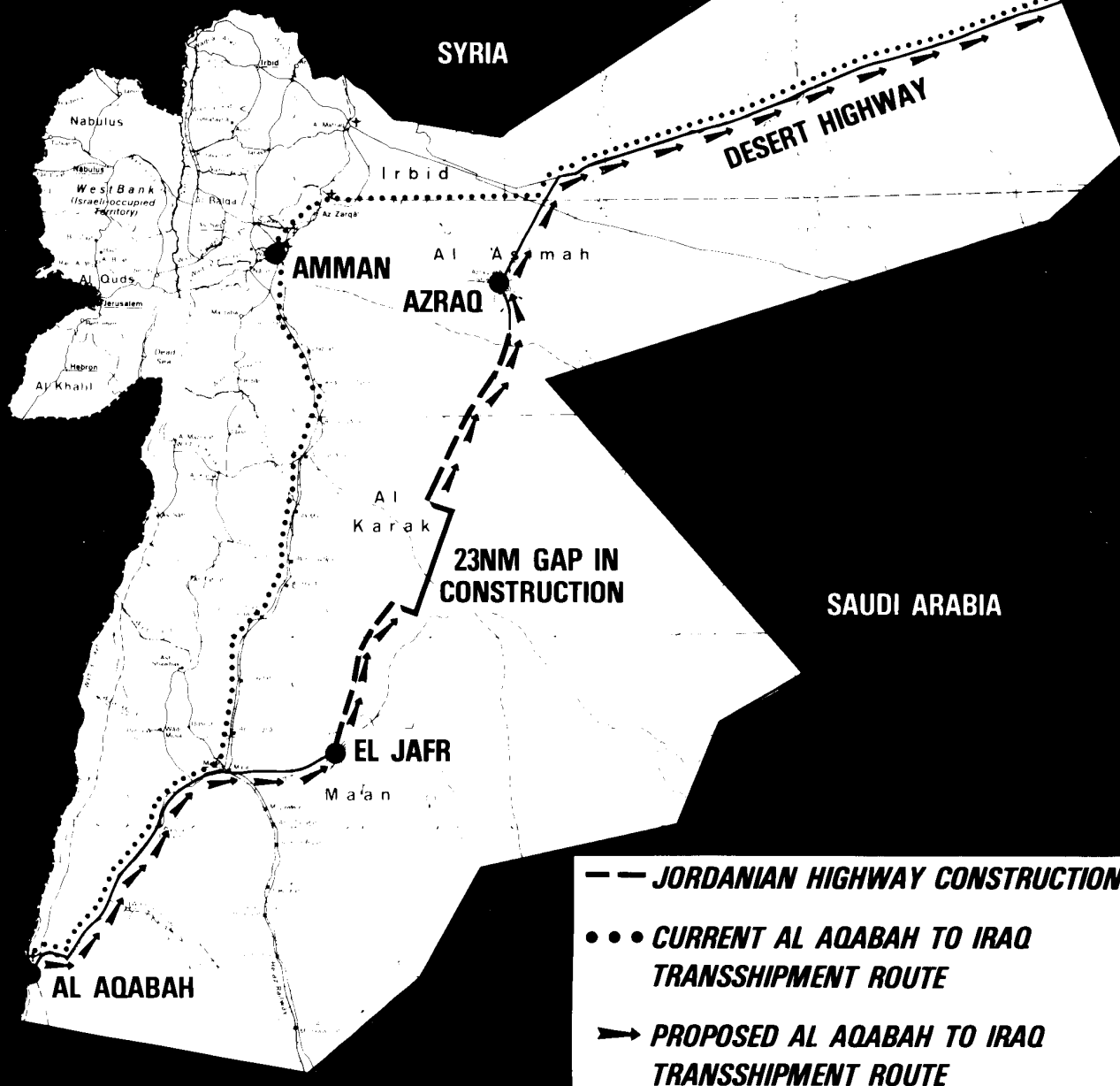
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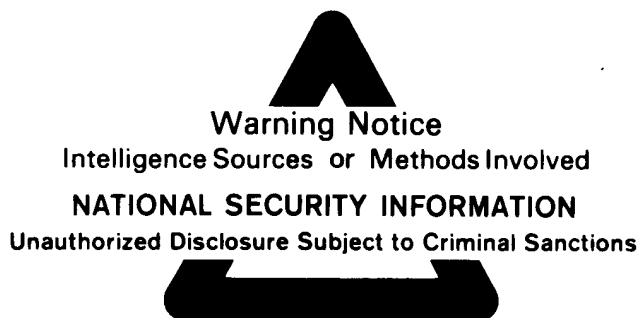
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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW JORDANIAN TWO-LANE, PROBABLE ALL-WEATHER HIGHWAY, WHICH COULD EXPEDITE ARMS TRANSSHIPMENTS FROM JORDANIAN PORTS TO IRAQ, WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE AL AQABAH/EL JAFR HIGHWAY WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 90 NM (167 KM) IN LENGTH. NEW CONSTRUCTION RUNS FROM THE SOUTH-CENTRAL TOWN OF EL JAFR TO A POINT 12 NM SOUTH OF THE NORTH-CENTRAL TOWN OF AZRAQ WHERE IT JOINS AN EXISTING HIGHWAY RUNNING TO AZRAQ. AZRAQ IS PRESENTLY ROAD CONNECTED TO THE DESERT HIGHWAY LEADING TO IRAQ. (SWN)

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY WAS IN PROGRESS FROM BOTH THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN ENDS; A 23 NM (43KM) GAP REMAINED BETWEEN THE TWO SECTIONS OF CONSTRUCTION. THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT EL JAFR AND RUNS NORTH-NORTHEAST TO 30-50-00N 036-24-30E. THE NORTHERN SECTION OF CONSTRUCTION ORIGINATES 12 NM SOUTH OF AZRAQ AT 31-40-00N 036-51-40E AND RUNS SOUTH-SOUTHWEST TO 31-02-40N 036-48-30E. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ALONG THE TWO SECTIONS INCLUDED FILLING, GRADING, AND LEVELING OF THE ROADWAY; THE INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS WHERE THE ROADWAY CROSSES SMALL WADIS; AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE SUPPORTS FOR A BRIDGE ACROSS A LARGE WADI. A TOTAL OF 11 CONSTRUCTION CAMPS WERE PRESENT. (SWN)

IRAQI ARMS ARE ROUTINELY RECEIVED AT TWO JORDANIAN PORTS AT AL AQABAH. FROM AL AQABAH PORT FACILITIES () AND AL AQABAH PORT FACILITIES SOUTH () IRAQI ARMS ARE TRANSSHIPPED VIA THE AQABAH TO AMMAN HIGHWAY, THEN EAST BY WAY OF THE DESERT HIGHWAY TO IRAQ. WHEN COMPLETE, THE NEW HIGHWAY WILL REDUCE THE MILEAGE OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT ROUTE ACROSS JORDAN BY APPROXIMATELY 60 NM (111 KM).

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